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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/080,879
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	First Named Inventor	Jean-Luc Truche
	Examiner	Bernard Souw
	Group Art	2881
	Title	<i>Apparatus and method for ion production enhancement</i>

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 25, 2004. A petition for a two month extension of time is filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.